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USAID/ASHA Announcements

USAID/ASHA FY 2016 APS Is Open

The USAID/ASHA Annual Program Statement (APS) for FY 2016 is now open on grants.gov. USAID/ASHA looks forward to your applications. [Click here to view the document.](#)

The deadline to submit proposals is **May 2nd, 2016 at 5 pm**. Questions about this APS must be sent via email to ASHAapplications@usaid.gov.

2016 USAID/ASHA Annual Partners Conference Registration Is Open

We are pleased to announce the 2016 USAID/ASHA Annual Partners Conference will be held **March 29-30, 2016** (Tuesday-Wednesday) at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. [Please register online here](#), **no later than March 7, 2016**.

We are also excited to announce three opportunities for you to share your work at the conference:

Photo Contest

As the saying goes, "a picture is worth 1,000 words." Help us tell the story of the USAID/ASHA program and the accomplishments of its partners (you!) in improving healthcare and education worldwide with photos. **The deadline for submission is March 7, 2016.** [Please click here for Photography requirements and more information.](#)

Success Story Contest

Success stories are an essential way USAID/ASHA shares its partners' success with the public. Stories add a human element and go beyond what commodities or construction projects were funded and reveal the projects' impact on individuals and communities. **The deadline for submission is March 7, 2016.**

[Please click here for Success Stories requirements and more information.](#)

Video Contest

Videos combine the visual element of photos with the narrative of a success story. They are easily shareable and an inspiring video is not only a reflection of your work but a call to action. **The deadline for submission is March 7, 2016.** [Please click here for Video Contest requirements and more information.](#)

USAID/ASHA Public Service Announcement

USAID/ASHA's Engineers thought it would be useful to provide this information to any partners using pesticides.

Quoted from the American Hospital Association's November Magazine:

"The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered sBiomed LLC to immediately stop the sale and use of the pesticide products Steriplex SD Part A and Steriplex SD Activator Part B, the agency told the Association for the Healthcare Environment. According to the order, recent testing gives the agency reason to believe the products are 'misbranded pesticides' and not effective against clostridium difficile [a bacterium causing intestinal problems] as indicated on the product labels."

[Click here for more information.](#)

USAID/ASHA Partner Successes



Dr. Sanduk Ruit of HCP examining patients
(fabpop online/Flickr)

Himalayan Cataract Project Featured In The New York Times

Dr. Sanduk Ruit, a Nepali Ophthalmologist and founder of USAID/ASHA partner Himalayan Cataract Project is eliminating curable blindness in Nepal for only \$25 per patient; many times cheaper than what the operation would cost in the U.S. Nicholas Kristof of the NY Times interviews Dr. Ruit and his patients in Nepal. [Click here to read the full story.](#)



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry poses with an identification card made for him by students at the American University of Central Asia in Bishkek Kyrgyzstan October 31, 2015.
(State Department photo/Public Domain)

Secretary Of State John Kerry Visits American University Of Central Asia

Secretary of State John Kerry kicked off a trip to Asia by visiting USAID/ASHA partner American University of Central Asia (AUCA) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Secretary Kerry was there to take part in the dedication of the University's new green campus, which is being constructed in partnership with Bard College and USAID/ASHA. [Click here to read the full story.](#)



Hanging Around in the Library
(Photo/Lubuto Library Partners)

Lubuto Library Partners Break Ground At Mthunzi Centre in Zambia

USAID/ASHA partner Lubuto Library Partners (LLP) broke ground on their newest library. The groundbreaking was attended by U.S. Ambassador Eric Schultz, Mr. Kamutumwa of the Ministry of General Education in Zambia, members of the Lubuto advisory board Mulenga Kapwepwe and Mark O'Donnell, and students and faculty. The Mthunzi library will be located on the outskirts of Lusaka. [Click here to read more about this event.](#)

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is intended to enhance collaboration and information-sharing among USAID/ASHA, its partners, and interested parties. If you would like USAID/ASHA to highlight your organization's events or successes in future newsletters or on social media, please email ASHAinfo@usaid.gov.

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